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VISA U.S.A. INC.

10 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
11 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

13 VISA U.S.A. INC.,

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 MARITZ INC., d/b/a MARITZ  
LOYALTY MARKETING,

17 Defendant.

Case No. CV-07-5585 JSW

**DECLARATION OF RODERICK M.  
THOMPSON IN SUPPORT OF VISA U.S.A  
INC.'S OPPOSITION TO MARITZ INC'S  
EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR AN  
ORDER SHORTENING TIME OR IN THE  
ALTERNATIVE FOR A TEMPORARY  
STAY OF THE ARBITRATION**

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20 I, Roderick M. Thompson, declare as follows:

21 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California, and a partner  
22 with the law firm of Farella Braun + Martel LLP, counsel for Plaintiff Visa U.S.A. Inc. ("Visa")  
23 in this action. I have first hand knowledge of the following facts; if called as a witness, I would  
24 testify to the same.

25 2. On November 2, 2007 Visa filed this action, seeking to compel Maritz to arbitrate  
26 certain disputes that arose from the parties' earlier contractual relationship. The same day, Visa  
27 also filed a demand for arbitration with the American Arbitration Association.

